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PRESENTS AN EXHIBITION AND PUBLICATION, JOHN MARIN
AND THE CRITICS FEBRUARY 24TH – APRIL 24TH, 2020

From February 24th through April 24th, 2020, Menconi + Schoelkopf proudly presents *Marin and the Critics*, a two-part exhibition on the critical response to one of the foremost figures in American Modernism. The exhibition opens at Menconi + Schoelkopf's gallery at 22 E 80th Street on February 24th, and on the floor of the ADAA Art Show on Thursday, February 27th, 2020. The two-location exhibition will be accompanied by a bound catalogue and checklist.

In 1948, Clement Greenberg described John Marin as “the greatest living American painter . . . one of the best artists who ever handled a brush in this country.” Marin’s work made a complete commitment to Modernism in the early 1910s and he was a commercial success throughout his career. The consistency of his vision highlights by contrast the shifting popular and critical embrace of Modernism more broadly, as his work moved from Stieglitz-circle stalwart, to the master of his medium in the 1920s and 30s, to the godfather of Abstract Expressionism that Greenberg would coronate.

The exhibition at the Park Avenue Armory during the ADAA Art Show will feature highlights from the estate of John Marin, with masterpieces and artifacts from across his career at the gallery. The accompanying catalogue, *Marin and the Critics* will explore the shifting dialectic between his work and the critical response, from the explosive debut of Modernism at the Amory Show to Marin’s coronation at the 1950 Venice Biennale. Marin’s story will be told in pictures and in the words of the critics who praised and puzzled over this visionary modernist painter.

On view at the Park Avenue Armory during the ADAA Art Show through March 1, and at 22 E80th Street through April 24th, 2020. The gallery is open to the public 9:30 to 5:30, Monday through Friday, and by appointment, at 22 East 80th Street, New York, NY, 10075. Visit www.msfineart.com or email info@msfineart.com, or call (212) 879-8815 for more information.